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SUBJ: VISIT TO MALAYSIA OF ROK FONMIN KIM TONG-CHO

1. ACCORDING TO GOM MFA PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (PAS) FOR EAST ASIA POINTS RAISED BY ROK FONMIN KIM TONG-CHO IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA DURING HIS VISIT TO MALAYSIA FROM MARCH 3-5 INCLUDED PROPOSAL FOR SIMULTANEOUS ENTRY OF BOTH KOREAS AT 30TH UNGA, AND GAINING OBSERVER STATUS FOR ROK AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. PAS WAS UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT BOTH PROPOSALS, AND DESCRIBED NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE TRIAL BALLOON AS "TOTALLY UNREALISTIC."

2. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA, KIM MET WITH GOM
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BABA AND MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY DATUK HAMZAH BIN DATUK ABU SAMAH TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TRADE MATTERS.

3. AS OCCURRED LAST YEAR, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING KIM'S DEPARTURE, NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES PROPOSED VISIT BY NORTH KOREAN DEPUTY PREMIER AND FONMIN HO TAM. PAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT VISIT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE WITHIN TWO OR THREE MONTHS.

4. COMMENT: PAS'S UNENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO ROK PROPOSALS ON SIMULTANEOUS UN MEMBERSHIP AND OBSERVER STATUS AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE REFLECTS MFA'S EMPHASIS ON NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY AND DISLIKE OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREAN PRESSURE TACTICS. ON DEC. 9, 1974, FIRST COMMITTEE VOTING ON SERIES OF KOREAN RESOLUTIONS MALAYSIA ABSTAINED ON ALL VOTES, AND STRENUOUS ROK LOBBYING (SEE K.L. 5236 NOV 4, 1974) PROVED TO BE UNAVAILING. HOWEVER, GOM HAS BEEN HELPFUL IN THE PAST ON CERTAIN UN ISSUES (NOTABLY THE KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE, AND DENYING OBSERVER STATUS TO THE PRG AT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORA), AND PRESUMABLY IF ASEAN ALLIES (ESPECIALLY INDONESIA WHICH ALSO ABSTAINED IN 1974) WERE ENTHUSIASTIC PROPONENTS OF SIMULTANEOUS ENTRY GOM COULD BE BROUGHT AROUND TO MORE HELPFUL POSITION.

5. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, KIM EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THIS TALKS WITH MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS AND SAID GOM HAD AGREED TO SUPPORT THE SIMULTANEOUS ENTRY PROPOSAL. KIM MAY BE IGNORING THE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN THE THREE MEANINGS OF THE MALAYSIAN "YES": (A) I HEAR YOUR PROPOSAL, (B) I AGREE WITH IT, AND (C) I WILL DO WHAT YOU ASK. END COMMENT.
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